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THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Applications from both the Backward Classes and Harijans are forwarded to the Director of Harijan Welfare through heads of institutions."

Village panchayats constituted in 1954.

* 1949 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state how many village panchayats were constituted in the State in 1954?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" Three hundred and fifty-eight new panchayats were constituted in the year 1954."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" The Madras Village Panchayats Act was passed more than five years ago but the formation of new panchayats has been tediously slow. Especially in view of the Second Five-Year Plan, will the Government see that the formation of panchayats is expedited in all villages soon? "

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" Only in 1954, 358 new panchayats were constituted but in 1955 we have constituted 5,203 panchayats."

House-rent allowance to aided elementary school teachers.

* 1950 *Q.*—SRI M. VENUGOPALA GOUNDER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representations from the aided elementary school teachers in Tindivanam Municipality to grant them house-rent allowance; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

Mill workers' token strike in Coimbatore on 21st December 1954.

* 1951 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state how many workers were arrested in Coimbatore on 21st December 1954 and afterwards in connexion with the one-day token strike by the mill workers protesting against the policy of the Government for not implementing the Textile Tripartite Enquiry Committee's recommendations?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Forty-seven workers, Sir."

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Sri K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know the measures taken by the Government to see that the recommendations of the Textile Tripartite Enquiry Committee are implemented through negotiation and conciliation? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" That is a large question and I cannot answer it during the short time at my disposal now."

Medical concession to Non-Gazetted Officers.

* 1952 *Q.*—Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether medical concessions granted to Non-Gazetted Officers are extended to treatment in Government Aided Sanatoria like Rajaji Sanatorium in Tiruchirappalli and Sengipatty Sanatorium in Tanjore district;

(*b*) if not, why; and

(*c*) whether the Government Sanatoria are unable to meet the demands from Non-Gazetted Officers?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) Does not arise.

" (*c*) Not always, Sir."

Repairs to the Adaveswarankulam in Pudukkottai division.

* 1953 *Q.*—Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to repair the Adaveswarankulam in Sendalkudi vattam of Alangudy taluk, Pudukkottai division, Tiruchirappalli district; and

(*b*) the stage in which the proposal now is?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" (*a*) & (*b*) An estimate has been received from the Minor Irrigation Overseer and the repairs to sluices will be taken up if feasible, after inspection and investigation."

Formation of a tank at Vallalakundam in Salem taluk.

* 1954 *Q.*—Sri M. P. SUBRAMANYAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any estimate for the formation of a tank at Vallalakundam in Salem taluk is pending with the Government;

(*b*) the total amount of the estimate; and

(*c*) when the work will be taken up for execution?

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) An estimate is being prepared by the local officers.